the Japanese, are attracted to investing in India because of a number of factors. Abundant availability of cheap and skilled labour laws in India protect the interests of labour against any explotation.

New guidelines for investment by multi-nationals

2321. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to announce hew guidelines for tie-ups for various investments by multinationals with their Indian counterparts; and

(b) if so, when the said guidelines are likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The policy guidelines regarding foreign investment in India and technology transfer from abroad has already been laid down in the Statement on Industrial Policy tabled in both House of Parliament on 24th July, 1991.

The economic liberalisation initiated by the Government is a continuous process. Government may, therefore, con-aider measures from time to time to build on the gains already made maintain a sustained growth in productivity and gainful employment and attain international competitiveness.

Shares duinrested by Public Sector Undertaking)

2322. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of shares disinvested by public sector undertakings so far; and

(b) what changes such disinvestments have brought about or may bring about on the management of the concerned Public Sector Undertakings?

THE MTNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Government have so far disinvested 8 per cent shares in 30 Public Sector Undertakings.

(b) The management of these under takings shall now be accountable to a larger number of shareholders.

Increase in production of MUL

2323. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gover nment have cleared a proposal of Maruti Udyog Limited to increase its produc tion and also for manufacture of a new model car;

(b) if so, whether the present models of 800 cc and 1000 cc would continue to be manufactured or likely to be replaced;

(c) by what time they would be phas ed out if the present models are to be replaced; and

(d) what is the potential market for the new model, both domestic and foreign, and what is its estimate cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Government has cleared the expansion project of Maruti Udyog Ltd. subject to environmental clearance. The project nciudes capacity expansion by* 70,000 units per annum and introduction of a new car.

(b) and (c) There is no plan to phase out the current models.

(d) It is anticipated that evxports of this car will reach 50,000 cars per annum by 1995-96. About 20,000 cars per year are evxpected to be sold in the domestic market. The sale of this car has not been determined a* yet.

Objectives *ot* new Industrial Policy

2324. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the two objectives of new Industrial Policy have been (i) attracting of foreign investment and (ii) restructuring of sick public sec tor units;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to achieve these objectives; and

(c) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP MENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) As per para 17 of the Statement on Industrial Policy tabled in Parliament on July 24. 1991, the major objectives of the new 'Industrial Policy package are "to build on the gains already made, correct the distortions or weaknesses that may have crept in. maintain a sustained growth in productivity and gainful employment and attain international competitiveness".

(b) and (c) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

In pursuance of the objectives of the new Industrial Policy various measures have been initiated which inter alia, include:—

(i) Restriction on compulsory licensing limited to 18 industries based on safety and environmental grounds, social considerations, health hazards and strategic and defence related production;

(ii) For delicensed industries entrepreneurs are merely required to file a Memorandum with the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals in the Department of Industrial Development;

(iii) The number of industries reserved for the public sector have been reduced from 17 to 8 and even in the restricted list, private investments will be considered selectively. Disinvestment of Government holdings in selected. public enterprises has already begun;

(iv) To attract investment in high priority industries direct investment up to 5l per cent foreign equity is freely permitted. Foreign investors are also permitted to invest in the equity of the small scale sector, up to 24 per cent of the total share holdings;

(v) Automatic clearance is provided for foreign technology agreements within specified parameters with payments to be met through foreign exchange purchased at market rates of exchange;

(iv) To protect the interests of workers likely to be affected by rehabilitation peck ages for sick units the National Renewal Fund has been constituted.

The progress made so far in this regard is as follows:

(i) Since the announcement of new Industrial Policy and upto June 30. 1992, the Secretarial for Industiral Approvals has approved 6446 proposals of which the Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda were 5763. During the corresponding period in the previous year a total of 3823 proposals ware approved.

(ii) In respect of foreign collaborations 519 proposals have been approved since the announcement of the new policy, envisaging direct foreign investment of Rs. 1888.79 crore. This is against 147 foreign collaborations involving foreign direct investment of Rs. 163.26 crore approved in the corresponding period of the previous year.

(iii) With the amendment to the Sick Industrial Companies Act (S1CA), sick public sector units can now be refeired to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for formulation of suitable revival/renabili-(ation packages. 33 public sector units have already been so referred.